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1. SUBJECT RES (SEE REFTEL FOR TEXT) FORMALLY
CIRCULATED AS E/L.1660 AND SPONSORED BY ALGERIA
PLUS 19, INCLUDING FRANCE. IN INTRODUCING RES, ALGERIAN
REP NOTED THAT PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA HAD RIGHT TO ASSISTANCE,
REFERRED TO STATEMENT BY PRG AMB IN PARIS THAT
ASSISTANCE BY ALL STATES WELCOME PROVIDED NO STRINGS
ATTACHED AND NO INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, BUT
CONCLUDED BY EMPHASIZING THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO
AUTHORITIES IN INDOCHINA TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO
ACCEPT AID, WHEN AND HOW.

2. ALGERIA FOLLOWED BY 16 SPEAKERS: CHINA, NORWAY (ON
BEHALF OF NORDICS), USSR, PAKISTAN, FRANCE, CANADA, GDR,
YUGOSLAVIA, BULGARIA, CONGO, ITALY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
MONGOLIA, MEXICO, JAPAN, ZAMBIA AND PERU.

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3. CHINESE, ALGERIANS AND USSR IN THEIR STATEMENTS

WERE PARTICULARLY MUTED IN "CELEBRATING THE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE OF INDO-CHINA". (FYI: ALGERIANS HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED AMB FERGUSON THAT THEY WOULD ASSIDUOUSLY WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OCCASION DID NOT BECOME A VICTORY CELEBRATION OR AN OCCASION FOR HUMILIATION OF THE US. TO THEIR CREDIT, HOWEVER, THEY INDICATED THEY COULD NOT GUARANTEE RESULTS IN THE CASE OF CHINESE. CHINESE, HOWEVER, ONLY MADE VAGUE ALLUSIONS TO "PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION" OVER FOREIGN INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, EAST GERMANS WERE PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE SPECIFYING "CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POWER" IN KIDNAPPING BABIES, MASS EXECUTIONS, AND DISTRUCTION OF CROPS.

4. IN THE OPINION OF AMB FERGUSON TONE OF DEBATE REQUIRED INTERVENTION WHICH WAS MADE AFTER ADOPTION OF RES BY "UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS". FERGUSON'S STATEMENT TRANSMITTED SEP TEL.

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